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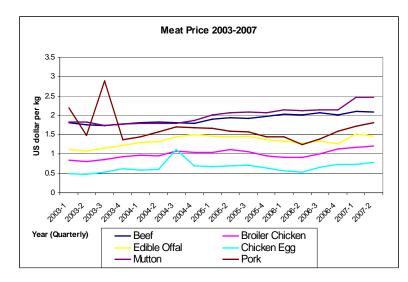
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Meat Prices in China

China's poultry production has recovered to normal production due to governmental subsidy policy for poultry production during avian influenza (Al) outbreaks in the last couple of years.

Poultry recovery is also because of strong demand generated by consumers shifting from pork to poultry due to swine blue ear disease (PRRS) and sharp rise of pork prices. The Ministry Of Agriculture indicated that poultry cultivation employs over 10 million people with an annual output of RMB40 billion (\$5.2 billion). In 2006, China's total poultry meat production was 15.07 MMT ranking 2nd in the world, and total poultry egg production was 29.46 MMT ranking the first in 21 years running.

Meat prices in China have been rising slightly over the last six years and more dramatically over the last year, pushing the CPI upwards. These prices spikes have been brought on by the increased demand for meat of a more prosperous nation and constraints on livestock industry inputs, namely feed grains. Supply shocks have also exacerbated the situation. For some meat products, particularly poultry and pork, additional aggravating factors include domestic disease outbreaks resulting in large animal deaths and cull rates. High input costs and a degree of substitutability between meats have lead to increases in beef and mutton prices as well. Increases in these items however, has garnered less attention because they have traditionally been meats for wealthier Chinese who are less affected by the run-up in food costs.



Food prices in China account for nearly one-third of the consumer price index, which rose to 3.4% in May with food prices rising 8.3%. Rising grain prices are also an important factor in this increase. Meat constitutes close to 7% of the CPI basket for China, and upwards price pressure has spread to eggs, fish and other products. It is possible that rising food costs, particularly rising pork costs, will push the year-on-year CPI inflation above 4% in the near future. The unofficial tolerance rate of the central bank for CPI inflation is 3%. Analysts believe the rising price of meat and eggs will exert further upward pressure on inflation in the coming months. Between March 2006 and 2007 retail chicken prices have increased by 33% which chicken egg prices have increased by over 40%.

China is being pressured by the United States and other trading partners to allow its currency to appreciate. In June 2007, the U.S. Treasury concluded that the Chinese yuan was undervalued and that the Chinese central bank's intervention in the foreign exchange market contributes to China's persistent trade surpluses and rapid accumulation of foreign exchange reserves. In response to pressure from trade partners, China's monetary authorities have allowed the value of the yuan to rise gradually since July 2005. However, Chinese policymakers are concerned that a sharp change in the exchange rate could result in economic dislocations and financial market instability, and they have adopted a go-slow approach to exchange rate policy reform. Many analysts believe a much larger appreciation is needed in order to narrow China's trade surplus.

Discussions about China's exchange rate are mainly focused on how appreciation of the yuan would affect merchandise trade and financial markets, but exchange rates have important effects on agricultural commodity markets as well. As the yuan appreciates against the dollar, U.S. commodities will become more price-competitive in China, potentially increasing China's demand for agricultural imports.

China-U.S. comparison of retail food prices, \$/KG July 2006 Commodity China U.S. U.S./China Description

			Ratio	
Poultry meat	1.30	2.29	1.8	Whole chicken, fresh
Eggs	.64	1.78	2.8	U.S.: Grade A, large
Pork	1.86	7.28	3.9	U.S.: Chops, center-cut, with bone, China: fresh lean pork

Comparison of prices received by Chinese and U.S. farmers, 2005

China	U.S.	U.S./China Ratio
972	1095	1.13
964	1014	1.05
617	916	1.48
	972 964	972 1095 964 1014

 U.S price converted from dollars per dozen assuming a weight of 21 ounces per dozen eggs.

Sources: USDA/FAS Global Agriculture Information Network, USDA/ERS China Currency Appreciation Could Boost U.S. Agricultural Exports

U.S. Frozen Chicken Exports to China in metric tons

		Jan-Dec		Jan-Jun	
Commodity	H.S. Code	2005	2006	2006	2007
Paws & feet	207140045	64,006	153,593	57,149	171,621
Wings & other	207140030	43,696	73,302	35,208	38,273
Other	207140090	22,432	61,348	27,147	48,923
Leg quarters	207140010	13,595	52,058	36,400	22,422
Other leg	207140025	11,170	48,048	22,437	25,058
Offal (not liver)	207140050	564	2,115	802	1,918

Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics

85,727

August 24, 2007

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To-date/2006

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending	g August 18	Year-To-	Date	
Type	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006
Liquid	0	153	2,617	6,363
Frozen	0	0	25	172
Dried	0	34	447	399
Total	0	187	3,089	6,934

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending August 18, 2007			Year-To	-Date
Type	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006
Liquid	470	58	10,807	2,264
Frozen	0	1	263	754
Dried	40	0	659	66
Total	510	59	11,729	3,084

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending August 18, 2007			Year-To-Date		
	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006	
Jumbo	0	0	0	150	
Extra Large	1,890	2,580	29,269	54,621	
Large	2,000	2,810	51,816	107,821	
Medium	1,248	3,330	34,763	60,432	
Ungraded	6,882	720	53,282	79,724	
Misc	0	0	6,325	5,267	
Total	12,020	9,440	175,455	308,015	
/1 Comparable Wook to date figures may not total due to rounding					

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Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section Source: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis

U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection W/E 18-August-07 (PRELIMINARY)

36,832

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically **Light Hens Heavy Hens Total Hens** -----Thousands-----1,045 1,524 2,569 Last Week 1,265 1,668 2,933 Same week yr ago 902 1,759 2,661 To-date/2007 36,867 47,692 84,559

48,895

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada **Light Hens Heavy Hens Total Hens** -----Thousands-----Head 318 0 318 Last Week 294 0 294 Same week yr ago 61 0 61 To-date/2007 8,374 23 8,397 To-date/2006 5,638 23 5,661

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada **Heavy Hens Light Hens Total Hens** -----Thousands-----Head 1,363 1,524 2,887 Last Week 1,559 1,668 3,227 Same week yr ago 963 1,759 2.722 To-date/2007 45,241 47,715 92,956 To-date/2006 42,470 48,918 91,388

Source: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

FOB SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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CUICKEN WITH	August 24, 2007				
CHICKEN WITH	PRICE	•	VOLUME		
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT	
15% OR LESS RANGE WTD AVERAGE	21.00-22.00 21.50	16.00 16.00	163,200	-	
15-20% RANGE WTD AVERAGE	15.00-16.00 15.50	11.00-14.00 11.87	1,468,800	204,000	
20% OR MORE RANGE WTD AVERAGE	-	-	-	-	

^{*} INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED ---- PRICES -------- VOLUME -----**FAT CONTENT FROZEN FRESH** TOTAL **EXPORT** 15% OR LESS **RANGE** 18.00 15.00-17.00 580,000 260,000 WTD AVERAGE 18.00 16.00 15-20% 16.00-21.00 11.00-16.00 **RANGE** 2,184,200 1,384,200 WTD AVERAGE 17.74 13.72 20% OR MORE **RANGE** 14.00 80.000 WTD AVERAGE 14.00

^{/2} Includes revisions to previous week(s)

^{*} INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

WEEKLY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 24 AUGUST 2007.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was mostly steady. Demand light to moderate for domestic and export shipments. Offerings light to adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was mostly steady. Demand light to moderate for domestic and export shipments. Offerings short to adequate. The market tone on tom breast meat was steady to fully steady. Fresh demand moderate to good, frozen light to moderate with increased interest noted on frozen due in part to the price differential with fresh. Demand on the balance of white meat generally light to moderate. Offerings mostly short to adequate. Trading slow to moderate and centered on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments. For domestic: fresh wing meat with skin 95-104 mostly 95, fresh scapula 131-139 mostly 131, Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts 135, Grade A non-basted 12-16 lb. breasts 190 cents delivered. For export: breeder wings 44 cents delivered.

EXPORT TRADING FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2007 DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	PRICE RANGE 58.00-62.00 49.00 25.00 87.00-90.00	L.S.T. CODE 1/ F T	WTD AVG PRICE 60.33 49.00 56.50 25.00 18.00 89.00	VOLUME (000) 312 84 104 52 104 120	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE 59.88 48.34 28.00 18.50 89.41	WEEKLY VOLUME (000) 640 268 156 208 540
EXPORT TRADING THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2007 DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	PRICE RANGE 59.00-60.00 49.00	L.S.T. CODE 1/ F W T W	WTD AVG PRICE 59.28 49.00 56.50 29.50 18.00 93.33	VOLUME (000) 144 40 104 104 104 156		
EXPORT TRADING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2007 DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	PRICE RANGE 60.00 47.50 29.50 90.00-95.00	L.S.T. CODE 1/ F T	WTD AVG PRICE 60.00 47.50 56.50 29.50 18.00 93.33	VOLUME (000) 104 104 104 104 104 156		
EXPORT TRADING TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2007 DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	PRICE RANGE 58.00-60.00 48.50 18.00 88.00-89.00	L.S.T. CODE 1/ F R	WTD AVG PRICE 59.00 48.50 56.50 24.00 18.00 88.75	VOLUME (000) 80 40 104 40 104 160		
EXPORT TRADING MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2007 DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	PRICE RANGE 19.00 85.00	L.S.T. CODE 1/ F R F R	WTD AVG PRICE 60.80 49.00 56.50 24.00 19.00 85.00	VOLUME (000) 260 40 104 40 104 104		

^{1/} CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R-THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/ Product contains 15/20% fat with skin added.